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It is plain that Mr. Picken
Needs to watch where he is
kicken.

"Childs scored Pyrmont's first
goal after a great solo run."—
Merely Child's play.

J. E. Davidson, one of the Eng-
lish team on its way to Australia
"has a very safe pair of hands."
—In his palmy days.

HINTS FOR PLAYERS.

1. Never kick a referee, no matter what the provocation—closing your eyes at him.

2. Always beg the pardon of any player whom you might happen to injure; do not let him think you are heartless, and, in the game, if near him, make kind enquiries as to his health. Little things like that make the difference.

3. If you suddenly become aware that your nose is buried in the ground, and an opponent is sitting on your neck, do not address him in a hasty manner; remember that he cannot be in two places at once, and far better be it that he recline on your shoulder than that he score a goal.

4. Never win by too great a margin; besides being extremely bad form, it makes the other team uncomfortable.

5. Always be generous; if in doubt, give it to your opponents without hesitation, and they will want to play you again.

6. After a victory on your team, always go to the opposing team and thank him, at the same time commiserate with him, make some tactful references to the worst mistakes of his team. The way in which he receives you will take your breath away.

7. If the selectors disappoint you, never commit the mistake of abusing them in public, but go to their homes one Sunday afternoon and quietly discuss the matter with them. You will probably become fast friends.

8. Never wear more than eight to ten medals on the chain at the one time, or people will think you wish to draw attention to them.

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PROSPECTS DISCUSSED.

The President's Optimistic Outlook.

Good Season Anticipated.

The years that are to be, we always look back to the present, 1925, as the most glorious, so far as the destiny of Football is concerned, in history.

It is an epoch-making year for Australia, on account of the English Tour, but it also holds importance, in respect of the advancement of the Metropolitan area, inasmuch as the Club System has abandoned in relation to the Clubs, and the District Re-scheme introduced.

The steady decline in the standard of play during the past three years called for some definite action in order that the standard should be attained and re-established again prior to the season, and the District Re-scheme introduced.

The absolute imperative, sincere, in our desire to have Soccer Football the premier pastime, and also as a pastime for our patrons. After a long and prolonged absence during the close season, the present District scheme has succeeded and bids fair to fulfil the ideals of the optimists who championed it.

I am convinced that the season is one full of possibilities, and am very optimistic of the ultimate success.

Local Clubs, on the re-commencement of the season, appear to be very optimistic, the play even at the early stages showing a decided improvement over that of last season.

The forthcoming English Tour will be an incentive to our players, and the good accruing is of great value to the success of the scheme.

The Premiership Competition this season should produce some sparkling displays worthy of our great game.

The decision to allow Senior Clubs a percentage of the gate takings, is certainly breaking new ground in the Metropolitan area, and much can be said for and against, but it will without doubt be an encouragement, and an added inducement to officials controlling clubs, to carry on because they know that some of their financial troubles will be smoothed over, and the financial demands of the past, upon the players will be eliminated.

This is going to be a potent factor in the scheme, as it allows of a tightening up of the player's responsibilities in respect to training and discipline, and will allow in return privileges and concessions which heretofore were non-existent.

Further, and the all-important fact is, that the District Junior Association is called upon to affiliate with the District Senior Club, the aim being to give the Club autonomy over the promising junior, and, at the same time, to financially assist the juniors where possible.

This makes for a continuity of control from the junior to the senior player.

The regrettable feature of the season, is that some of the grounds leased to the Clubs are not in that condition, which enables the player to demonstrate the finer points of the game, and it is a matter requiring urgent attention during the close season.

Summarised, the general outlook was never better, and although a very strenuous season is ahead of all connected with the Code, still I am optimistic enough to say that at the close of the season, Soccer Football will be on a higher plane in the estimation of its patrons, and that our standard of play will have shown a marked improvement, which is the pre-eminent factor in our ultimate success.

W. LINCOLN,
President M.S.F.A.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

The New South Wales Selectors have chosen twenty-nine players to go into training in preparation for the English matches—11 from the Metropolis, 11 from the Northern District, and seven from the South Coast.

The Metropolitan Selectors will be meeting to select an additional number of Metropolitan players to prepare for the Metropolitan match.

The St. George District Club desires to play its return match against Granville at Clyde Oval. This surely is a tribute to the equitable arrangements under which the gates are being distributed, and also to the drawing power of Clyde Oval.

The question is being debated, as to how the other ground proprietors will fare, if some of the clubs desire to play matches away from home.

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THE WING HALF.

WHO SHOULD HE MARK?

Interesting Article
BY STEVE BLOOMER.

How many of my readers have noticed that in League football various clubs have various styles of play? All of you will answer, "Everybody has noticed that." Good! Then how many can tell me the clubs which adopt the policy of the backs taking the opposing extreme wingers, and the wing halves taking the inside men, and vice versa? I am reminded of this topic by the visit of Portsmouth to Derby last Saturday, for "Pompey" is still one of the clubs which adopt the "back take the winger" style. I might whisper that the last time I was in touch with Portsmouth officials it was a well-known fact that John M'Cartney, as astute a Scottish manager as ever took the helm of an English club, had one idea, and the chairman of the club had another. "Mac" has faith in the "half take the winger" theory, whereas the chairman—and a mighty sound judge of what scientific football ought to be and is, is this gentleman—holds forth that the "back take the winger" is the correct method in good football. It is an intriguing subject, for there are two schools of thought, and these schools think so differently, and are so diametrically opposed that they will never come together and have an amicable settlement. What is the real difference? Well, firstly, let me take the "back take the winger" theory. Here the main idea is that the two backs are wide apart, and that the three halves form a solid bulwark in front of goal, thereby covering the three inside forwards, who are rightly regarded as being the most dangerous marksmen, and therefore ought to be most carefully covered.

It sounds very feasible; it sounds like good logic. In actual play it does not work out nearly so well. It requires the acme of understanding between backs and halves. It calls for backs who are extremely fast and very good at recovery. It also calls for backs who can place a ball when they clear their line, for in this style of game the backs are a force in aggression—that is, they

are expected to be able to find time to feed their forwards. The halves are busier, and are more cramped in the middle of the field. Of course, they also are a great factor in all aggressive work; but usually you find that when this policy is adopted the whole team has to adopt the short-passing game. Where the wing half takes the outside man of the opposing attack the work of the centre-half is considerably heavier, and he ought to have as complete an understanding with his two backs as it is possible to cultivate. But there is one great advantage about this style. All the players in defence have plenty of room in which to work, and there ought not to be any necessity for a lot of tip-tap toe work before the ball is finally put forward to one of their own forwards.

Favours Open Play.

The whole argument comes to this: "Is the short-passing game more profitable than the long-passing game?" I vote for the open style. I will never say it is the cleverer or prettier—it isn't. It may not require such talented players to perform it, it may not call for such infinite ball control, but it does get results. The best football anyone can see is when you find two teams playing the short, sharp passing game on a ground which is not too light but in no way heavy. This sort of game takes one's breath away, not because it is thrilling, but just because it is all so accurate and clockwork-like.

But the games which produce the goals are those where one team adopts the open policy against another which persists in the short-passing game. It isn't often that the latter is successful, especially if the halves of the former team are cool and calculating. If they will wait their time and jump in when a short pass is not made with the utmost accuracy, their task of breaking up this style of play is quite easy. I've had many an argument with old players on this subject. Defenders have come to me and said, "Steve, you don't play football. You drive a long pass to outside-left, slip up the field to receive the return pass, and then drive it home. It's all over then." Admitted, but I was always told that when I got on the field I forgot all the ball juggling that I did when training, and only thought

about goals. I may have been wrong in my ideas, but I always thought that the most essential thing in football was the score of goals—which count most to me, the easiest and most direct way to goal was always my object. Why get there by a devious path when you can travel broad highway? You miss "scenery" and the "effects," but you get there. I love the craftsman in football. I delight in ornate and the arts. But to the craftsman who could deal with his tricks and guiles in field yet get nothing tangible his work was only masquerade in a game where points are obtained by goals! I may have worshipped the material; I have ripped all the embroidery from my play, but, I was there to matches, not to beat a man or thrice, or to pass and re-pass again when one well-directed kick would do the work that is necessary. Let the two schools of thought on; it makes for change and prevents football from becoming stereotyped.

THEY SAY—

Canterbury gave a good exhibition against Gladesville-Ryde, considering they were playing them for the first time as a combination.

Canterbury can improve their team at least 50 per cent. They will take a deal of beating.

Gladesville followers consider that Brown, the Canterbury full back, is the best left back in the State.

Archie Manuel (late East Suburbs) played a clever game, considering it was his first for two seasons.

Bailey and Loveridge who also each been out of the first team for a considerable time, in first-class style.

Angus Forbes, although "agin" District Football, is to assist his local team.

The Cantabs 2nd grade have won all its games, practice and competition.

Metropolitan Soccer Football Association

M.S.F.A.'s Players' Insurance Fund

(Inaugurated 1922.)

The Metropolitan Soccer Football Association hereby inaugurates an Insurance Fund for the moneys assistance of players injured whilst playing, as hereinafter provided.

Claims will only be considered from duly registered players on books of the Metropolitan Soccer Football Association, injured whilst playing in games sanctioned by the aforesaid Association, and/or the South Wales Soccer Football Association; the fund not to apply to competitions controlled by any Association.

On inauguration, the M.S.F. Association shall subsidise the Fund to the extent of a fifty pounds per annum.

Claimant must make personal report of accident to Management Committee of that Association not later than the Monday following such accident, and at the same time hand in written report, endorsed by Captain and Hon. Secretary or officer of the Club, and accompanied by a medical certificate. In the event of the player being unable, through being incapacitated, to personally report to the Management Committee, same is to be notified, when written report may be accepted from claimant or from some person in claimant's authority and on his behalf.

No claim will be allowed where player takes part in any game, within eight (8) days after receiving for which claim is made. The fund shall be administered by the Management Committee, who shall be the Trustees of the Fund. Subscription shall be five shillings (5/-) per player per season (as fixed by the M.S.F.A.), entitling a player to an allowance of one pound (£1) per week, or ten shillings per player per season, entitling him to a two pounds (£2) per week allowance. No player shall be allowed to subscribe more than ten shillings (10/-).

Allowances will not be made to any one player for more than thirteen (13) weeks in all in any one year.

In the event of claims at any time absorbing all income, further benefits shall cease, and members shall be on this understanding.

Any claimant claiming allowance for any period beyond one week, shall produce a renewal or further certificate, which, in the view of the Management Committee, justifies a further allowance, and so week to week.

Amount remaining at credit of fund at end of last year (1924), £43/16/4.

PLAYERS TO TRAIN.

Selectors Make Choice.

New South Wales Selectors, L. Tamlyn, W. Cunn, J. Hawke, S. Storey, Lakeman, have selected players to go into the English match.

G. Cartwright (Anchardt); E. Atchison

T. Oliver (Weston), H. West Maitland), C. Granville), A. Druery

H. Spurway (Gladesville), G. Storey (Balmain), G. Roe (Granville), H. Mitchell (Thirroul), H. M. Mitchell (Thirroul (Woonona), F. West Maitland), C. Eastern Suburbs).

F. Mellier Smith (St. Thompson (Balgowan), Naughton (Cessnock), (Weston), D. M'Allister (Weston), A. Phillips (West), W. Mauder (West), J. Masters (Balgowan), D. Brennan (Balmain), J. Blair (New Galloway (Gran-

ville), P. Lennard (Cessnock), S. Bourke (Granville), J. Burns (Canterbury and Thirroul).

The metropolitan players selected will train at Langridge's Physical Culture Rooms, Denison House, Sydney, and arrangements are being made also for training on the South Coast and in the northern districts. The team to represent New South Wales against the Englishmen on May 30th will be chosen on May 17th, and the country players selected will require to be in Sydney on May 27th.

OPEN LETTER.

To the Selectors of Canterbury District Football Club.

Dear Friends,—

Although not wishing to intrude in any way, I desire to make a few suggestions for the good of the Canterbury Soccer Club. I would like to point out weaknesses in the First Grade team. No doubt last Saturday was a great victory for my old team, for Gladesville-Ryde are fairly strong. We must be grateful for the great help of Alewood, and our local junior, S. Bennett, for this, but in my opinion more juniors

are required, as the older players who are now supporters of the club, recognise. Now, I think if the Canterbury selectors placed S. Anderson in Herron's place at full back, the team would be improved. "Jimmy" has been a great player, but I think he should now keep me company on the line. Another suggestion: I think a good centre half could be obtained from the old Canterbury Juniors, or Marrickville Avoca Clubs, and also I would say bring Crozier up to replace Sarchfield at outside left. The team work would be improved if Loveridge, or Anderson were appointed captain. Canterbury will be the Canterbury of old pre-war days if those in charge take heed.

In conclusion, I wish to congratulate you all for your splendid victory and hope for another next Saturday from Easts.

Yours, etc.,

E. BANNISTER.

Reports indicate that the code is rapidly extending in country centres, clubs being established at Katoomba, Lithgow, Cootamundra, Harden, Goulburn, Wagga Wagga, Lismore, Armidale, Tenterfield, Canberra, and the Murumbidgee area.

N.S.W. ASSOCIATION.

Amendments of Constitution and Gardiner Cup Rules passed at Special General Rules Revision Meeting, held on 7th December, 1924.

Note.—No amendments were made to Standing Orders or Richardson Cup Rules.

Amendments to Constitution.

New Rule to be called 8 (7)—

“Country Clubs and Associations may be granted affiliation without representation at Council and General Meetings.”

Rule 12 (1)—

Amended to provide for nine Vice-Presidents (to be elected), instead of five.

Amendments to Gardiner Cup Rules.

Rule 4—

Amended to provide that the competition shall be open only to Senior First Grade First Division Teams, as classified by this Association.

Rule 6 (2)—

Amended; the words “Junior players” in the eighth line to be deleted, and the words “Lower Grade Players” substituted.

Rule 12—

Amended to provide that: Travelling expenses shall mean Sixteen second-class return concession fares, plus 10/- allowance for each of the 16 persons travelling.

Rule 17—

Amended; the words “and each team shall have a football available for use” to be deleted.

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THE GARDINER CUP.**The First Round Draw.**

At the Council meeting of the N.S.W. Association, at the weekend, it was decided to dispense with qualifying rounds in the Gardiner Cup, and place the whole of the teams “in the hat” for the draw, which resulted as follows:—

West Wallsend v Canterbury, at Newcastle; Kurri Kurri v Newcastle United, at Newcastle; Granville v Adamstown, in Sydney; Gladesville-Ryde v Balgownie, on South Coast; Coledale v Neath, on South Coast; St. George v Cessnock, in Sydney; Weston v New Lambton, in Newcastle.

The following teams received byes: Annandale-Leichhardt, Corrimal, Pyrmont, Balmain, Wallsend, Eastern Suburbs, Thirroul, Woonona, Helensburgh.

At the conclusion of this round, which, by resolution of the Association, cannot commence until June 6th, 16 teams will remain in the competition.

Programme**GLADESVILLE-RYDE v. BALMAIN.**

FIRST GRADE—EASTON PARK, 3.15 p.m.

GLADESVILLE-RYDE
(Maroon)**Goal:**

ANDERSON

1—S. MONTGOMERY	2—E. PONT
3—D. FOWLER	4—H. HENSON
6—HAYES	8—G. MACFARLANE
10—E. HEYMAN	10—H. ROBERTSON
5—W. BYERS	9—H. McLEOD
2—J. DRISCOLL	7—W. BUTTEL
	3—J. FISHER
	1—R. LEADBETTER
	T. DAVIDSON

Goal:

BALMAIN

(Black and Gold Halves)

Reserve—Balmain: 11—R. WHITE.

SECOND GRADE—EASTON PARK, 1.45 p.m.

GLADESVILLE-RYDE
(Maroon)**Goal:**

(Team not available)

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22—S. CUNNINGHAM	20—V. JONES	18—N. WHITING
21—W. ORR	19—P. DUGGAN	
23—W. McGREAL	17—S. JELFS	16—L. JELLY
15—W. FERGUSON (one to be omitted)		
14—J. PALMER	13—H. BRIDGE	
	H. SIMMONS	

Goal:

BALMAIN

(Black and Gold Halves)

Referee: A. L. Peaty.

Reserves—Balmain: 24—MCKEE; 25—J. COLE.

Referee: H. Battin.

THE ENGLISH GOALIE.**What the “Athletic News” Thinks.**

“The Athletic News” commented as follows when Hardy, one of the English ‘keepers coming to Australia, was selected for England against Belgium:—

If somewhat unprepared for the honor accorded Harry Hardy, the League’s new goalkeeper, the followers of Stockport County have felt that before long the call would come.

Hardy is a goalkeeper with a capital record. Born in Stockport and discovered at play in loca-

games, he was placed into County’s senior team in the match of 1920-21, and since October 4th of that season not missed a League engagement—a sequence of 170 consecutive matches.

It was an unhappy season for Stockport, as they descended the Third Division, but Harry fully played his part, as in the following term when he helped his club to promotion.

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Navy v Eastern Suburbs,
Suburb, 3.15 p.m. Referee,
W. Bates.De-Rye v Balmain, East-
ern Park, 3 p.m. Referee, A.
Bates.Navy v Granville, Clyde Oval,
3 p.m. Referee, W. Wright.Annandale-Leichhardt v St.
George, Ibrox Park, 3.15 p.m. Re-
feree, C. R. Brown.

F. C. PACKER.

Treasurer of the Metropoli-
tan Football Association
Secretary of the Junior
Control (Metropolitan).
Junior Representative on
the S. Wales Association.

Programme**ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT v. ST. GEORGE.**

FIRST GRADE — IBROX PARK, 3.15 p.m.

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT
(Black)

Goal:

G. CARTWRIGHT

1—J. CRUM	2—A. FISHER	
3—G. GRAHAM	4—J. WATSON	5—F. LAMBERT
7—G. TURNER	9—J. BURCHAM	
6—J. GIGG	8—L. BRISBANE	10—R. OSBORNE

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10—F. MELLARI-SMITH	8—J. MARSH	6—A. LAVENDER
9—W. GLACHEN	7—C. HAYES	
5—J. PICKEN	4—J. TRANTER	3—R. CHISWELL (Capt.)
2—J. MURRAY	1—G. SMART	

L. EVANS

Goal:

ST. GEORGE

(Red and White Stripes)

Referee: C. R. Brown

Reserve—St. George: 17—T. SMART.

SECOND GRADE — IBROX PARK, 1.45 p.m.

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT
(Black)

Goal:

A. WYLLIE.

11—A. WATSON	12—A. WHITE	
13—L. STOREY	14—D. DOWNING	15—F. ANDERSON
16—W. SIMMS (one to be omitted)		
18—S. QUINN	20—A. OWEN	
17—T. RYAN	19—R. BIRCH	21—W. WRIGHT

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26—L. DAVIE	24—C. STOREY	22—E. VALE
25—R. WOODS	23—C. GRAHAM	
21—H. BURNS	20—H. LEE	19—W. WOODWARD
18—D. COOK	17—T. SMART	

G. DEAN

ST. GEORGE

(Red and White Stripes)

Referee: Mr. Doidge.

Reserve—St. George: 27—W. GREEN.

CLUB LEAGUE.Alexandria v Eastern Suburbs,
Erskineville Park, 3.15 p.m.
Referee, W. Blakeley.Division 1.
Annandale-Leichhardt v North
Sydney Rangers, Beauchamp
Park, 3.15 p.m. Referee, W.
Clark.Sunlight v Balmain Colliery, Sun-
light Sports Ground. Referee,
S. Summers.Callan Park v Auburn, Callan Pk.,
2.15 p.m. Referee, A. White.Pyrmont v Lane Cove, Tantaloon
Park, 3.15 p.m. Referee, J.
Hopper.

Division 2.

Botany v Bankstown, Booralee
Park, 3.15 p.m. Referee, E. J.
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PYRMONT.

(Blue)

Goal:

H. GREAGG

1—T. BOURKE	2—S. ROBINSON	
3—J. COHEN	4—G. CRAWFORD	5—H. GR
7—E. CHILDS	9—N. KELLY	
6—E. EDWARDS	8—McCARTHY	10—G. W

o.

10—H. FLYNN	8—W. GALLOWAY	6—S. BO
9—E. WALDON	7—H. WINTER	

5—J. HELE	4—G. EDWARDS	3—N.
2—W. MACE	1—C. LEABEATER	
E. ATCHISON		

Goal:

GRANVILLE

(Black and White Stripes)

Referee: W. Wright.

Reserves—Granville: 11—CRAIG.

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PYRMONT

(Blue)

Goal:

W. CRAWFORD

BLACK	12	SHIPLEY		
WILLIAMS	14	W. BROAD	15	C. TIMMS
RICHARDS	19	H. FODEN		
SYDNEY	18	N. VERITY	20	M. WATSON

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WILKINSON	19	L. GAPES	17	R. DUNN
WILLIAMS	18	M. LEABEATER		
ABURY	15	E. RIGBY	14	T. RITCHIE
AINBRIDGE	12	W. STEVENS		

C. CALLAGHAN

Goal:

GRANVILLE

(Black and White Stripes)

Referee: G. McLay.

Pyrmont: L. COLLINS, C. O'TOOLE.

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EASTERN SUBURBS ASSOCIATION.

To-day's Fixtures.

All Age.

North Sydney Rangers—Bye.
Bondi Beach v Bondi-Waratah.
Centennial Park No. 12, 3.15.
Tingira v Rose Bay G.U.O.O.F.
Tingira, 3.15.

B Grade.

Bondi Beach v Salisbury-Vaucluse, Cent. Pk. No. 13, 3.15.
Bondi-Waratah v Daceyville Rovers, Queens Park, No. 5, 3.15.
Waverley Rovers v Tingira, Tingira, 1.45.

C Grade.

Waratah Juniors v Central Sports, Cent. Park No. 13, 1.45.
Bondi Beach v Bondi-Waratah, A.A. No. 12, 1.45.
Waverley Rovers A v Long Bay Kiora, Queens Park No. 5, 1.45.
Waverley Rovers B the bye.

DRAW FOR SEASON.

April 25th.

North Sydney Rangers the bye.
Bondi Beach v Bondi-Waratah.
Tingira v Rose Bay.

May 2nd.

Bondi Beach the bye.
North Sydney Rangers v Tingira.
Bondi-Waratah v Rose Bay.

May 9th.

Bondi-Waratah the bye.
North Sydney Rangers v Rose Bay
Bondi Beach v Tingira.

May 16th.

Tingira the bye.
North Sydney Rangers v Bondi-Waratah.
Bondi Beach v Rose Bay.

May 23rd.

Rose Bay the bye.
North Sydney Rangers v Bondi Beach.
Bondi-Waratah v Tingira.

"B" GRADE COMPETITION.

April 25th.

Vaucluse Salisbury v Bondi Beach.
Daceyville Rovers v Bondi-Waratah.

Waverley Rovers v Tingira.

May 2nd.

Vaucluse Salisbury v Tingira.
Waverley Rovers v Daceyville Rovers.

Bondi Beach v Bondi-Waratah.

May 9th.

Waverley Rovers v Bondi-Waratah.
Vaucluse Salisbury v Daceyville Rovers.

Bondi Beach v Tingira.

May 16th.

Waverley Rovers v Bondi Beach.
Vaucluse Salisbury v Bondi-Waratah.

Daceyville Rovers v Tingira.

May 23rd.

Waverley Rovers v Vaucluse Salisbury.

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Bondi Beach v Daceyville Rovers.
Bondi Waratah the bye.

"C" GRADE COMPETITION.

April 25th.

Waratah Jnrs. v Central Sports.
Bondi Waratah v Bondi Beach.
Waverley Rovers B the bye.
Waverley Rovers A v Long Bay Kicra.

May 2nd.

Waratah Jnrs. v Bondi-Waratah.
Central Sports v Bondi Beach.
Waverley Rovers B v Waverley Rovers A.

Long Bay Kiora the bye.

May 9th.

Waratah Jnrs. v Bondi Beach.
Central Sports v Bondi-Waratah.
Waverley Rovers B v Long Bay Kiora.

Waverley Rovers A the bye.

May 16th.

Waratah Jnrs. v Wav. Rovers B.
Central Sports the bye.
Bondi-Waratah v Wav. Rovers A.
Bondi Beach v Long Bay Kiora.

May 23rd.

Waratah Juniors the bye.
Central Sports v Wav. Rovers B.
Bondi-Waratah v Long Bay Kiora.
Bondi Beach v Wav. Rovers A.

May 30th.

Waratah Jnrs. v Wav. Rovers A.
Central Sports v Long Bay Kiora.

Bondi-Waratah v Wav. Rovers.
Bondi Beach the bye.

June 6th.

Waratah Jnrs. v Long Bay Kiora.
Central Sports v Wav. Rovers.
Bondi Waratah the bye.
Bondi Beach v Wav. Rovers.

MURRUMBIDGEE ASSOCIATION.

There are seven well-established clubs affiliated to the formed Murrumbidgee Association, comprising organisations Griffith, Leeton, Yenda, Lake Bilbil, Murrumbi, and Baroona. The competition will be conducted a cup presented by a Leeton dentist, the first match for which will be played on May 1.

The new organisation will be in association with the New South Wales Association, and an attempt will be made to secure a visit by the English team.

The office-bearers are:-
Mr. E. Bacar (Leeton) President, Mr. J. Dodge (Yenda) Vice-President, Messrs. Weston, Campbell (Yenda), and Burns (Yenda), Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. P. Griffith; Treasurer, Mr. J. (Griffith).

PERSONAL.

H. D. McIntosh, M.L.C., Lynch, of the P.S.A.A.A. and Johnson, of the Canadian Railways, have ac-
companied the Entertain-
ment and Organising Committee
in the Metropolitan area
and the organising for the
entertainment of
visitors in Sydney.

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S. A. Storey leaves for
tomorrow night, to meet
the English team, and also super-
vises arrangements in the vari-
ous cities on behalf of the Aus-
tralian Association.

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will also see the various
in his capacity of Aus-
tralian, and should be in a
judge as to the relative
of the players in the vari-

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selection of players and re-
feree Australian matches
the hands of the Aus-
tralian International Selection
Committee. Messrs. S. A. Storey
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Victoria), J. Hildreth
and R. Holliday (South Aus-

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Smith is showing flash-
es best form, and will
be again this season.
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Hunter, and Picken, of
the only first
players of last year with
up to date.

Programme

CANTERBURY v. EASTERN SUBURBS.

FIRST GRADE—CANTERBURY No. 1, 3.15 p.m.

CANTERBURY
(Blue and Gold Stripes)

Goal:

T. BAILEY

1—J. HERRON	2—W. BROWN	
3—E. LOVERIDGE	4—A. MANUEL	5—A. FORBES
6—J. BURNS	7—A. BURNS	9—R. BENNETT
8—S. ALEWOOD	10—CROZIER	
O		
10—W. HUNT	8—T. MADDOCKS	6—BASTERFIELD
9—W. KERR	7—J. MAITLAND	
5—S. PEEL	4—T. ROBSON	3—C. O'CONNOR
2—J. COMRIE	1—J. JAPPY	
A. MANSON		

Goal:

EASTERN SUBURBS
(Red, Blue and White)

Referee: A. W. Bates.

Reserves—Canterbury: 11—JAMES; 12—JOLLEY.

SECOND GRADE—CANTERBURY No. 1, 1.45 p.m.

CANTERBURY
(Blue and Gold Stripes)

Goal:

FOLSTER

13—H. LANG	14—MC LAREN	
15—ASHBY	16—CLARK	17—N. WHITE
18—HORAN	19—GRAY	21—GOULD
20—C. HART	20—READ	22—E. SARCHFIELD
O		
19—H. BROWN	18—J. HETHERINGTON	16—W. MILLER
15—A. GRAY	14—N. WILKINS	17—F. PARR
12—F. GRIER	11—A. RIGBY	13—A. JUDGE
W. WYATT		
EASTERN SUBURBS		
(Red, Blue and White)		
Referee: G. Skelly.		

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The Season's Prospects.

here we are again. After months' rest we are here in ready for another arduous in the first instance we would compliment the officials Eastern Suburbs and Manly on their inauguration with them the success they deserve.

of ourselves. The of Patron, President Secretary and Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary are filled by last year's officials. Registrar, Mr. E. Meyers, Springside Street, Rosedale, signalled his advent the Churches by being the of management's date registration forms be following on the system

Warren, Lewis and are new to the Church administration. such a M.C., the Churches as well—if not better entered than in previous

ries are similar to 1924. we have no St. George. We have an extra division Second Grade.

nts A and St. Johns Bal. go very close in the Competition, though in first grade has to do with.

too early to attempt tests for other divisions competitions should be

ative matches have arranged with the South Soccer Football Association and Kearsley F.C. or

churches have again af the Junior Board of Metropolis), which intend to support in. It is to be hoped Associations (including senior body) will respect the ruling.

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of Meetings. meetings will be held in Barnabas' School Hall, West, City. This is to all teams, and intimate that local advantage.

Teams.

We are sorry to lose many of our old friends. Newtown's A and B are no more. For three years they lived with us, but after winning the medals last year have evidently decided to retire. St. Paul's Rozelle have also deserted us. Alexandria Congs. and Mr. C. A. Hannan will not figure in our matches during 1925.

All Saints have been able to put two teams in field, as they did a couple of years ago. Judging by the distance some of their players live from the Church, their religious enthusiasm is commendable.

St. Thomas and Marrickville Presb. will also double bank.

New teams are very noticeable some of the players entering into their first season of Soccer.

P.C.R.A.

A good membership is expected this year, though at time of going to press the annual meeting had not been held. Further particulars will be given next week.

28th April.

A special Council meeting will be held in St. Barnabas' School Hall on Tuesday, 28th inst. The draw will be available at this meeting.

"Soccer News."

This paper will again be the authentic medium between the Association and players, and all clubs are urged to place their orders with the Manager (Mr. S. Stack), Box 925, G.P.O., Sydney, as early as possible.

NOTES ON THE PLAYERS.

Joe Fisher impressed at Eastern Park last Saturday, and should be in the running for Metropolitan selection.

Sid Alewood is in fine form. He was selected as Master's deputy in the sixth test match against the Canadians, and should have been included in the players selected for training by the N.S. Wales Selectors.

Barney Brennan is probably the most versatile forward in the Metropolis, being equally at home in any position in the forward

line. He is a brilliant outside left, and a very good goal-getting centre forward. He has already scored two penalty goals this season, and has not missed scoring from a penalty kick for three years.

Simmonds, Balmain's Second Grade goalie, is improving, and looks like turning out a champion.

J. Burns, of Canterbury, has been playing for Thirroul, but must now return to the Cantabs on account of a N.S. Wales Association ruling, or run the danger of being disqualified.

Some prominent players of last year are missing this season. Wilson, Forrester, and Sherrington, all of Sydney; Gallen, of Balmain, and Ramsay and Henderson, of Granville, are among the number.

According to report, Ramsay desires to play for Balmain, and is going to wait till he completes three months' residence to qualify.

Stan Anderson, a famous left back a couple of years ago, was a spectator at Ibrox Park watching his old club, Pyrmont, last Saturday. He resides in the Canterbury area, and would be an acquisition to the Canterbury Club.

It is pleasing to see Teddy Loveridge doing so well. He was a half well beloved of crowds a couple of seasons ago.

Les Jelfs, a power in Annandale's ranks, in the opening years of the war, is showing pretty good form as centre half in Balmain's second team. He should do better each Saturday.

Harry Spurway did not show his old-time brilliance at left half last Saturday, according to reliable report, but is expected to improve.

Robertson, the G.R.'s left winger, should be another in line for selection for the big games. He is brilliant at times.

Pyrmont's defence was disorganized in the early stages last week on account of the absence of Sid Robinson, who will, however, play to-day.

Metropolitan Junior Association

THE NEW SEASON.

The Juniors commenced the 1925 season last Saturday, when all competition matches were played with the exception of the All Age, which was postponed one week.

Owing to the range of activities being curtailed, there has been a marked falling off in the entries this year; same consist of 5 in All Age, 7 in A grade, 7 in B grade, and 13 in C grade, but judging by the standard of play in most of the matches all competitions are going to be closely and evenly contested.

Officials were pleased to see the number of people who were present at Primrose Park, as this was the first day, and it augurs well for a successful season.

Club Secretaries are again reminded that meetings will be held on Tuesday nights in future.

Before a large gathering of junior players at the Deaf and Dumb Hall on Tuesday night, Messrs. Jones and Gill, of the Referees, explained the rules of the game, which was highly appreciated by those present.

Club Secretaries please note that ground fees for matches played on Algie Park, and Cook's River grounds are to be paid to Treasurer G. Harget, on the Tuesday night after match.

JUNIOR BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Board was held last week, Mr. Sam Howard presiding over a full attendance of delegates. The Secretary's report, which was adopted, pointed out the great progress of junior football during the past season. The election of officers resulted in Mr. Sam Howard and Mr. F. C. Packer being re-elected as chairman and Hon. Secretary-Treasurer respectively. Mr. Frank West was re-elected Hon. Auditor, whilst Mr. R. H. Henry, of the P.C.S.F.A., was appointed to act during any temporary absence of the Hon. Secretary.

With the new scheme of football adopted by our parent body, each Junior Association will give its hearty support to ensure the success which should result from the introduction of the scheme.

FIXTURES FOR 2nd MAY.

All Age.

Glebe Diamonds v City United, Primrose Park No. 1, 3.15.
Fivedock v Leichhardt Jnrs., Algie Park, 3.15.

Plywood Rovers the bye.

A Grade.

Sunlight v Leichhardt Jnrs., Sunlight Sports Ground, 1.45.
Lilyfield v Newtown Jnrs., Primrose Park No. 1, 1.45.
Balmain St. Mary's v Easton Pk., Cooks River No. 1, 3.15.

Alexandria the bye.

B Grade.

Lilyfield v Punch Park, Algie Park, 1.45.

Leichhardt Jnrs. v Annandale Federals, Erskineville Park, 1.45.
Bankemeadow v Warren, Avoca, Banksmeadow, 3.15.

Rozelle Waratahs the bye.

C Grade—Division 1.

Lilyfield v Balmain Gladstones, Primrose Park No. 2, 3.15.

Annandale Waratahs v Wentworth Jnrs., Cooks River, 1.45.

Rozelle Waratahs v Leichhardt Juniors—to be arranged.

Fivedock the bye.

C Grade—Division 2.

Annandale Athletic v Stanmore United—to be arranged.

Erskineville Rangers v Glebe Jrs., Primrose Park, No. 2, 1.45.

Alexandria v Botany Recs., Bora-lee, 1.45.

INSURANCE FUND.

It has been definitely decided to inaugurate an insurance fund for the benefit of junior players and the executive have been asked to place before the next meeting a concrete scheme.

Such a plan is worthy of support, and no doubt when the scheme has been properly planned and brought under notice of the various clubs Association, the necessary support will be forthcoming.

JUNIOR INTERSTATE MATCH.

The return visit of the junior team from Queensland will take place this year, and no doubt a match will be played against Metropolis in Sydney. This will be the first occasion on which the Junior Board has contrived such a fixture, and the selection will be able to do justice to Metropolis when the team is announced.

POSTPONEMENT OF MATCHES.

The M.S.F.A. has decided to postpone all Junior Association fixtures on the occasions when the English team play in Sydney, namely, May 1, June 8th, July 4th, and July 11th. Although our various Junior associations are adverse to postponements, your executive desire each affiliated association to carry out the instructions thus do their share towards the success which we all look forward to, as the result of the visit of our oversea friends.

LAST MINUTE COMPLIMENT.

Some people have said that the English team for Australia is so strong as it might be. Graham (Milwall) was chosen to play against Scotland, and he delayed his departure in order to play in that match, and then travelled overland to meet the team at Toulon. This is the highest compliment our the F.A. can pay an English player. J. Elkes was a reserve in the same match.

Hardy, the goalie, Seymour outside left, and Elkes, inside right, are considered by Meredith, Veitch and other famous players to be the best in the Kingdom for the positions they occupy. Other internationals are included in the side, and the rest are first-class men.

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Abbreviated Laws of the Game

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(For Positions see Team List).

HANDLING THE BALL.—The goalkeepers only may play the ball with their hands, and they only within the penalty area. INTENTIONAL handling only is penalised by a free kick to the opposite side, opponents keeping back ten yards.

OFF-SIDE.—This is the hardest rule of all. A player cannot be off-side in his own half of the field of play, nor when the ball is last played by an opponent, nor if he is behind the ball when it is last played. He cannot be off-side when a corner kick or throw-in is taken, this protection ceasing when the ball is again played by one of his own side. With these general exceptions a PLAYER MUST HAVE AT LEAST THREE OF HIS OPPONENTS NEARER THEIR OWN GOAL LINE. To be penalised a player must be playing the ball or interfering with the play.

FREE KICK.—A free kick is

awarded for handling the ball, tripping, kicking, jumping at, holding, pushing, or illegally charging an opponent or dangerous play.

PENALTY KICK.—This award for the following infringements within the "penalty" area (18 yards mark): Tripping, kicking, striking, jumping at an opponent, handling the ball, holding, pushing, or illegally charging an opponent. All players except the player taking the kick and the opponents' goalkeeper must keep outside the penalty area. The kick is taken from a mark 12 yards from the goal line.

GENERAL.—Intentional infringements only are penalised, and generally speaking, the "advantage" rule is followed.

Charging is permissible, but must not be violent or dangerous. Charging behind is illegal unless an opponent is obstructing, but it must

under no circumstance be dangerous.

GOAL.—A goal is scored ball has passed between posts, under the bar, and over the goal line.

CORNER KICK.—If the ball is played behind by one of the playing side, an opponent shall from within one yard of the flag.

THROW-IN.—The ball is play when it has passed over the touch line. The ball is taken by an opponent, stand with part of both feet line and throw the ball with hands over his head.

DURATION OF GAME.—when otherwise arranged, duration of a game shall be two 45 minutes.

JUNIOR PLAYERS.

District Responsibilities.

The Management Committee of the M.S.F.A. decided on Monday night that the Gladesville-Ryde and St. George District Clubs who each had difficulty in fielding a Second Team on Saturday, owing to junior players failing to play when called upon to do so, be asked to supply the names of the junior players concerned, the intention being to take action against them.

MUST SUPPLY A BALL.

The M.C. of the M.S.F.A. has decided that each club must supply a ball at each match, and ordered that Club Secretaries take note of this instruction through the "Soccer News."

IMPORTANT RULING.

By the State Association.

The New South Wales Association last week-end decided that each First Grade Association has jurisdiction over all players in its area, and that a player cannot play in competitions in another area, without applying for a transfer through the Association for which he is residentially qualified.

THE DISTRICT CLUBS' BOUNDARIES.

Balmain.—The municipalities of Balmain and Drummoyne.

Annandale-Leichhardt.—The municipalities of Annandale, Leichhardt, Petersham, and that part of the municipalities of Wood and Ashfield north of the Main Suburban railway line.

Pymont.—The municipalities of Glebe, Newtown, Erskineville, Darlington, Camperdown, Redfern, Alexandria, Waterloo, and Botany, and that part of the city of Sydney west of Street.

Eastern Suburbs.—The municipalities of Randwick, Paddington, Waverley, Woollahra, Vaucluse, North Sydney, Manly, Mosman, and that part of the City of Sydney not included in Pymont's territory.

Canterbury.—The municipalities of Enfield, Canterbury, Rickville, and Bankstown, and that part of the municipalities of Burwood and Ashfield south of the Main Suburban line.

St. George.—The municipalities of Hurstville, Kogarah, Rockdale, and St. Peters, and the Sutherland Shire.

Gladesville-Ryde.—The municipalities of Concord, Ryde, Wood, Hunter's Hill, Lane Cove, and Willoughby, and the Hornsby and Kuringai shires.

Granville.—The municipalities of Granville, Parramatta, Westmead, Rydalmerle, Auburn, Lidcombe, Homebush, Strathfield, Dundas, and Baulkham Hills shire.

CLUB GROUNDS.

The following additional grounds are available for use of the M.S.F.A. through the entering of the Club League teams:—Auburn Park, Erskineville Park, Bankstown Park, Booralee Park

Lyne Park, Beauchamp, Sunlight Recreation Ground, and Tallowood Park.

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The Royal Agricultural Ground will be available to the Association's use next Saturday. The Sydney Cricket Ground will be available on Monday.